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## Fact Sheet

### *WTO and Agriculture* **What's at Stake for Nevada?**

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Nevada produces and exports agricultural and wood products. The state's farm cash receipts and forest product shipments totaled \$337 million in 1998 and \$108 million in 1996, respectively. As for exports, Nevada's agricultural exports were estimated at \$6 million in 1998. These industries are important to Nevada's economy. They create jobs on farms and in mills, and also support jobs in related sectors, such as food processing, transportation, and manufacturing.

Nevada's top agricultural exports in 1998 were:

- # wheat and products -- \$3.1 million
- # planting seeds -- \$2.1 million

World demand for agricultural and wood products is increasing, but so is competition among suppliers. If Nevada's industries are to compete successfully for export opportunities in the 21st century, they need *fair trade* and *fair access* to growing global markets.

#### **Nevada Benefits From Trade Agreements**

- # With a large portion of its farm receipts coming from the cattle industry, Nevada benefits from the Uruguay Round with a 38-percent reduction in the quantity of EU beef receiving export subsidies by 2000. Japan is reducing beef tariffs from 50 percent to 38.5 percent. Korea will eliminate its beef import quota by 2001 and reduce its tariffs to 40 percent by 2004. The Philippines is reducing its beef tariff from 60 percent to 35 percent.
- # Under the Uruguay Round, major U.S. trading partners are reducing their tariffs 28 percent on average for wood products.
- # U.S. exports of planting seeds have increased substantially as trade liberalization has encouraged many countries to privatize their national seed industries.

